

Q&As for MDS Accuracy and iQIES Reports Training May 2, 2023

1. If a resident has hallucinations can I6000--Schizophrenia be coded?

All criteria must be met in order to code a diagnosis on the MDS. For example, diagnostic information related to a comprehensive assessment by a psychiatrist, behaviors documented that are consistent with schizophrenia, and a physician documented diagnosis of schizophrenia.

2. (From a consultant) I am getting quite a few questions about coding schizoaffective disorder in Section I6000. For ICD-10-CM Coding purposes the resident is either schizophrenic or has schizoaffective disorder—there is a note, indicating the same person cannot have both Schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder. Section I6000 includes both diagnoses, but the question is whether the errata document related to Schizophrenia also applies to Schizoaffective disorder?

The errata document applies to all diagnoses coded on the MDS. Nursing homes should follow the guidance in Section I of the RAI Manual regarding criteria for coding a diagnosis on the MDS. There should be diagnostic information (*physician-documented dx, family report of historical information related to the dx and physician confirmation of the dx, resident behaviors consistent with the diagnosis, etc.*) included in the medical record that supports the coding of any diagnosis.

3. Do you all have any information on Section G being omitted in October?

Section G is going away with the implementation for the new RAI Manual effective October, 2023. We do not have further information at this time regarding how the quality measures will be impacted. CMS plans to provide a pre-recorded training on the MDS changes this month, in May, and another live training the end of June or first part of July. Our department will provide training on the MDS changes in September once the RAI Manual is finalized.

4. A MDS was submitted through iQIES and now it needs to be corrected but iQIES will not accept the correction, with an error regarding no previous assessment. What should I do to correct the assessment?

There is a possibility of a system error and we recommend to call us so we can determine if the assessment is in iQIES, and to discuss the specifics of the issue.

5. If the resident is admitted to the nursing home with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, is that sufficient, or are we required to obtain the diagnosis from the psychiatrist?

This question has previously been submitted for clarification and we will provide a response once clarification is received.